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### Top Stories

- The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged Connecticut-based companies GAW Miners and ZenMiner, as well as its founder December 1 for allegedly operating a Ponzi scheme in which more than 10,000 investors were bilked out of \$20 million. – *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* (See item [6](#))
- Officials reported December 2 that the nationwide recall of celery products contaminated with E. coli expanded to include more than 155,000 products in 18 States sold in several commercial stores. – *ABC News* (See item [12](#))
- Emergency 9-1-1 service for portions of Mitchell County, Iowa, remained down December 2, requiring residents to use cellular phones after service became unavailable for customers November 25. – *Mason County Globe Gazette* (See item [23](#))
- Three Virginia men were indicted in Federal court December 1 for three-counts of robbery conspiracy following an FBI investigation that revealed the men were plotting to attack synagogues and black churches with stolen machinery. – *Associated Press* (See item [26](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *November 30, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **More than 17,000 gallons of saltwater spill near Watford City; pump leak listed as cause.** The North Dakota Oil and Gas Division reported that True Oil LLC released, contained, and recovered 17,640 gallons of saltwater that was discharged November 30 from a disposal well near Watford City due to a pump leak.  
Source: <http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/0424e706b81f464ab3883294437fb1ad/ND--Saltwater-Spill>

## **Chemical Industry Sector**

2. *December 1, Niagara Gazette; Associated Press* – (New York) **Chemours set to close Niagara Falls plant next year.** Delaware-based Chemours Co., previously owned by DuPont Co., reported November 30 that its Niagara Falls facility would be shut down by the end of 2016 as part of an ongoing streamlining and cost-reduction effort.  
Source: [http://www.niagara-gazette.com/news/local\\_news/chemours-set-to-close-niagara-falls-plant-next-year/article\\_5f20ad25-fbf6-5d1f-93e1-9afc219cd770.html](http://www.niagara-gazette.com/news/local_news/chemours-set-to-close-niagara-falls-plant-next-year/article_5f20ad25-fbf6-5d1f-93e1-9afc219cd770.html)

## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

3. *December 1, Monticello Times* – (Minnesota) **Monticello nuclear plant restarted after cooling water recirculation pump repaired.** Xcel Energy reported that its Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant was restarted and will be restored to full power the week of November 30 after the plant went offline as a safety precaution following a cooling water recirculation pump malfunction the week of November 23. Crews repaired the pump and determined that the pump's voltage regulating circuitry caused the malfunction.  
Source: <http://monticellotimes.com/2015/12/01/monticello-nuclear-plant-restarted-after-cooling-water-recirculation-pump-repaired/>
4. *November 30, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Cotter's defunct uranium mill line leaks 1,800 gallons near Canon City.** Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment officials are investigating a pipeline leak that spilled about 1,800 gallons November 24 from the Cotter Corp.'s defunct uranium mill after Cotter officials reported the spill was contained and that the spill will not further contaminate groundwater.  
Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_29184556/cotters-defunct-uranium-mill-line-leaks-1-800](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_29184556/cotters-defunct-uranium-mill-line-leaks-1-800)
5. *November 30, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Nuclear plant in Michigan restarts after fix-up.** DTE Energy Co. reported November 30 that its Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Plant in Michigan was restarted for refueling and maintenance following a September 13 manual shutdown that was caused by an issue with its system used to cool auxiliary equipment.  
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/home/3246290-155/nuclear-plant-in-michigan-restarts->

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *December 1, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (Connecticut) **SEC charges Bitcoin mining companies.** Officials from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) charged Connecticut-based companies GAW Miners and ZenMiner, as well as its founder December 1 for allegedly operating a Ponzi scheme in which more than 10,000 investors were bilked of \$20 million from August 2014 – December 2014 by participating in a fraudulent mining scheme in which the companies promised returns earned by the Bitcoin mining activities, but never directed funds towards such activities.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2015-271.html>

## **Transportation Systems Sector**

7. *December 2, KTUU 2 Anchorage* – (Alaska) **Troopers identify one victim in fatal car crash on Parks Highway in Wasilla.** Parks Highway in Wasilla was closed for several hours following a December 1 accident involving 2-vehicles that left 3 people dead.  
Source: <http://www.ktuu.com/news/news/parks-highway-closed-following-two-vehicle-crash-near-wasilla/36751570>
8. *December 2, WPBF 25 Tequesta* – (Florida) **FHP troopers investigate fatal crash involving dealership car in Stuart.** Northbound lanes of U.S. Route 1 in Stuart were closed for several hours December 1 while officials investigated a fatal 2-vehicle crash that killed 1 person and sent 4 others to area hospital with injuries.  
Source: <http://www.wpbfl.com/news/fhp-troopers-investigate-fatal-accident-in-stuart/36739844>
9. *December 2, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Lanes reopened on 15 Freeway near Lake Elsinore after tanker truck fire.** All lanes of the 15 Freeway near Lake Elsinore in Riverside County reopened December 2 following the reopening of northbound lanes and 1 southbound lane December 1 after a semi-truck carrying 8,700 gallons of gasoline caught fire following a tire blowout.  
Source: <http://ktla.com/2015/12/02/lanes-remain-closed-on-15-freeway-near-lake-elsinore-after-tanker-truck-fire/>
10. *December 1, WYOU 22 Scranton/WBRE 28 Wilkes-Barre* – (Pennsylvania) **Deadly head-on crash closes Pocono Highway during morning commute.** Route 209

between Silver Valley Drive and Dairy Lane in Monroe County was closed for more than 3 hours December 1 following a 3-vehicle crash that left 1 person dead and several others injured.

Source: <http://www.pahomepage.com/news/effort-woman-dies-in-early-morning-crash>

11. *December 1, KPIX 5 San Francisco; San Francisco Bay City News Service* – (California) **Southbound 101 reopens in San Francisco after dump truck spill blocks all lanes.** U.S. Highway 101 southbound in San Francisco was closed for more than 6 hours December 1 after a dump truck crashed and spilled debris from an overpass onto the highway. Crews cleaned up the debris, removed the truck, and replaced a guardrail that was knocked off in the crash.  
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2015/12/01/dump-truck-spill-southbound-101-silver-ave-san-francisco/>

## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

12. *December 2, ABC News* – (National) **Concern over E.coli outbreak leads to celery recall at major grocery stores.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported December 2 that the nationwide recall of celery products contaminated with E. coli expanded to include more than 155,000 products in 18 States after the products were linked to California-based Tracy Farms Pacific Inc. The recall was expanded to include products sold at numerous grocery store chains including Walmart, Target, Sam's Club, and Safeway stores, among other retailers.  
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/fda-celery-recall-expanded-major-grocery-stores/story?id=35526676>
13. *December 1, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **Nearly half million dollars of pistachios stolen from Tulare County Nut Plant.** Authorities stated December 1 that they are investigating the theft of approximately \$500,000 worth of pistachios from the Horizon Nut Company in Tulare after the suspects hacked into a U.S. Department of Transportation database, passed truck pick-up inspection, and allegedly stole 40,000 pounds of pistachios by using private information and false identification. FBI officials believe the incident is part of a national crime scheme.  
Source: <http://abc30.com/news/nearly-half-million-dollars-of-pistachios-stolen-from-local-plant/1106237/>
14. *December 1, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **3 OSHA citations since April 2015 for nation's largest cookie, cracker manufacturer.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Hearthside Food Solutions LLC for 1 repeated, 3 serious, and 1 other-than-serious safety violations November 17 for failing to protect workers from machine operating parts following an incident in which an employee at its McComb facility was seriously injured by a machine that caught her hairnet. Proposed penalties total \$47,000.  
Source: [https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=29103](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=29103)

## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

15. *December 2, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Sewer clog leads to 13K gallons of wastewater to flood Gwynns Falls.** More than 13,000 gallons of untreated wastewater was discharged into Gwynns Falls in Baltimore November 30 due to a combination of grease, trash, and other debris that clogged a sewer line. The city is in the construction phase of a \$1 billion project to overhaul its sewer system to help stop overflows and leaks.  
Source: <http://www.wbal.com/news/sewer-clog-leads-to-13k-gallons-of-wastewater-to-flood-gwynns-falls/36753762>
16. *December 1, KWTX 10 Waco* – (Texas) **Wastewater discharges into Lake Waco.** Waco city officials announced December 1 that it increased monitoring of water supply systems after reporting that approximately 50,000 gallons of wastewater was being discharged daily into Lake Waco due to flooding caused by the high levels of the lake.  
Source: <http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/Wastewater-Discharges-Into-Lake-Waco-359684741.html>

## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

17. *December 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **Insulet Corporation issues Field Safety Notification of OmniPod insulin management system.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced December 1 that Insulet Corporation initiated a voluntary Field Safety Notification November 2 for 15 lots of its OmniPod insulin management system devices after the company received 66 reports of the devices' needle mechanism failing to deploy, which interrupts insulin delivery.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm475099.htm>
18. *December 2, Softpedia* – (International) **Critical medical equipment vulnerable to LDAP and SQL injection attacks.** The CERT Coordination Center (CERT/CC) and a researcher from TrustFoundry determined that attackers can enter SQL injection commands in the Epiphany Cardio Server login page of the healthcare data management system, Cardio Server ECG Management System, and gain access to the administrative account due to an improper input filtering flaw. The page is also vulnerable to Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) injection attacks, and the vulnerabilities affect older version 3.3.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/critical-medical-equipment-vulnerable-to-ldap-and-sql-injection-attacks-497012.shtml>
19. *December 1, U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Wisconsin* – (Wisconsin) **Osceola Laboratory agrees to pay \$8.5 million to resolve false billing case.** Authorities announced December 1 that Wisconsin-based Pharmasan Labs, Inc., NeuroScience, Inc., and two of the corporations' founders agreed to pay \$8.5 million in a settlement resolving False Claims Act allegations after the companies reportedly submitted false information for laboratory services billed to Medicare. Employees reportedly submitted false information to Medicare disguising the type of test Pharmasan was performing to ensure coverage eligibility.

Source: <https://www.fbi.gov/milwaukee/press-releases/2015/osceola-laboratory-agrees-to-pay-8.5-million-to-resolve-false-billing-case>

## **Government Facilities Sector**

20. *December 2, WSLs 10 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Crash causes power outage in Wythe Co., local elementary school closed.** A power outage caused by an accident prompted the closure of Jackson Memorial Elementary School in Wythe County December 2.  
Source: <http://wsls.com/2015/12/02/wythe-county-elementary-school-closed-wednesday-due-to-power-outage/>
21. *December 2, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Flooding in north Georgia: Heavy rain ends, residents stranded.** Gilmer County and Fannin County school officials announced the closure of district schools December 2 due to flooding caused by heavy rains that prompted evacuations and several road closures.  
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/weather/heavy-rain-causing-flooding-closing-schools-in-nor/npZsr/>
22. *November 30, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News* – (New York) **Former Mount Vernon planner, ex-boyfriend convicted again.** The former Mount Vernon, New York planning commissioner and executive director of the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency was convicted along with an ex-boyfriend and owner of Micros Only November 30 for allegedly taking part in a scheme that steered over \$2 million in contracts and loans to Micros Only. Authorities reported that the former planning commissioner awarded contracts and loans to her ex-boyfriend's companies without disclosing their relationship and his name on official contracts.  
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/story/news/crime/2015/11/30/former-mv-planner-gerrie-post-convicted-again/76574840/>

## **Emergency Services Sector**

23. *December 2, Mason County Globe Gazette* – (Iowa) **Partial 911 outage continues in Mitchell County.** Emergency 9-1-1 service for portions of Mitchell County remained down December 2, requiring residents to use cellular phones or call an administrative line after service became unavailable for Windstream and Century Link customers November 25. The county's emergency services coordinator reported that the issue appeared to be with the telephone companies, not with the county's 9-1-1 equipment.  
Source: [http://globegazette.com/news/local/partial-outage-continues-in-mitchell-county/article\\_d4b07bee-5c17-5d45-8e19-28832e5901dd.html](http://globegazette.com/news/local/partial-outage-continues-in-mitchell-county/article_d4b07bee-5c17-5d45-8e19-28832e5901dd.html)

## **Information Technology Sector**

24. *December 2, Securityweek* – (International) **Google patches over dozen serious flaws in Chrome.** Google reported December 1 that its newest version of Chrome 47 includes 41 security patches that address a dozen high severity issues discovered by independent researchers including out-of-bounds access vulnerabilities in V8, Skia,

PDFium, use-after-free flaws in Extensions and Document Object Model (DOM), and a type confusion in PDFium, among other patched vulnerabilities.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/google-patches-over-dozen-serious-flaws-chrome>

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## Communications Sector

25. *December 1, KSL 5 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Thieves steal \$100K in batteries, wires from SLC cellphone towers.** Authorities are searching for the individuals responsible for 5 thefts that occurred between November 30 and December 1 at cellphone towers in Salt Lake City, which left between \$80,000 and \$100,000 in total damages. Suspects stole batteries and copper wires at each site.

Source: <https://www.ksl.com/index.php?sid=37584567>

## Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *December 2, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Federal grand jury indicts 3 in alleged race war plot.** Three Virginia men were indicted in Federal court December 1 for three-counts of robbery conspiracy following an FBI undercover investigation that revealed the men were plotting to rob a silver and coin dealer, use the money to buy weapons and land, as well as train for a race war, all in an attempt to shoot or use explosive devices to attack synagogues and black churches.

Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/12/02/us/ap-us-church-attack-plot.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/12/02/us/ap-us-church-attack-plot.html?_r=0)

27. *December 1, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **10 injured as residents jump to escape 3-alarm apartment fire in NW Harris County.** A 3-alarm fire at the Villages of Copperfield apartment complex in Houston damaged 24 units, prompted 50 firefighters to extinguish the blaze, and injured 10 people, 8 of which were sent to area hospitals December 2. The blaze was contained and total damages are unknown.

Source: <http://abc13.com/news/10-injured-as-residents-jump-to-escape-3-alarm-apartment-fire/1106276/>

## Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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